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Diana Gee

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Diana Gee, our much-loved Mum, Nan, and friend. Diana passed away peacefully on Tuesday 12th August, with her family at her side, at St Mary's residential care home, New Buckenham.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A service of thanksgiving for her life will be held at Greenacres Memorial Park, Colney Wood, Watton Road, Norwich, NR4 7TY on Thursday 4th September at 1pm. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Kings Head, New Buckenham from 2.30pm. All who knew Diana are warmly invited to attend.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, support, and prayers at this time.

Adam, Barbara & family

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Parish News Committee

New Buckenham Parish Council

The Parish Council held an Extraordinary meeting on 12th August to discuss traffic and parking issues in the village. The meeting was very well attended with a packed room, and the local Highway Officer Luke Denny attended to hear the village views on these issues. The police were invited but unfortunately were unable to attend. Issued raised and discussed included:

- **Speeding:** with particular concerns about Church St and Chapel St. The Speedwatch group raised concerns about speeding vehicles approaching the play area at often well above the speed limit. The Chair explained that the PC has already discussed this issue and were in contact with Highways to change the current flashing speed sign with one that displays actual vehicle speeds, it wis thought this would help encourage drivers to slow down. The PC is also considering installation of a Play Area warning sign to be erected.
- Parking: With this particularly causing problems where parking on both sides of a road prevents emergency vehicles from passing This is a particular problem on Queen St outside St Mary's. Parking is also a problem on Church St when the Village Hall car park is full and parking overflows to Church St. It was acknowledged that car numbers have increased in recent times and this is causing problems of finding space to park. Parking very close to street corners causes problems with visibility being obstructed, particular areas of concern at the junction of Rosemary Lane and Chapel St, the Chapel St/Church St corner, and the village pump bend on Chapel St.

The Parish Council and Luke Denny found the discussion very helpful and informative and we will be taking this forward with Highways to consider any further options for controlling speeds, parking etc. Luke did explain that painting double yellow lines was a complicated and expensive process due to the legal orders that have to be put in

place, and that there are few resources to enforce parking restrictions. What was particularly evident from the meeting was that whilst parking will always be an issue due to the nature of the historic village some improvements can be made with considerate parking and awareness of the impact of speeding in the confines of the narrow village roads.

The police advise not parking within 10m of a corner to ensure visibility is not obstructed. On particularly narrow sections of road, such as outside St Mary's, drivers should not park where the road will be narrowed to a point emergency vehicles are unable to pass. It was also suggested that residents encourage visitors to park on less busy roads, and at the play area car park – even if this results in having to walk further. Similarly visitors to the Kings Head should be encouraged to park further away from the pub and not block the roads close by.

There will be no Parish Council meeting in September, the next meeting will be on the 14th October at 7:30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome and will have the opportunity to raise any matters of concern.

Andrew Bingham

Chair - New Buckenham Parish Council

New Buckenham Junior Football Club

At the start of a new season, we welcome a new team, some new coaches and players old and new, all hoping to replicate the success of last season which was awesome.

Success brings extra costs and we are very grateful for a donation of £250 from the Village Recycling Scheme which Tony Lister and, before him, Keith Mace have dedicated huge amounts of their time to over the years. Thank you so much, Tony, your contribution will really help us with the costs of running the Club. We are also very grateful to Banham Parish Council who have donated £150 to support us, recognising the number of youngsters from Banham who play their football in New Buckenham.

It is great that the Club has support from within the village and from outside the village. We had some fantastic matches last season and saw the youngsters develop their footballing skills, as well as the many other skills which are enhanced by belonging to a team. If you have a spare hour on a Saturday or Sunday morning, do come to the Village Hall and support the teams – everyone would be delighted to see you. *Karen Hobley*

New Buckenham Parish Council Community Grant Scheme

The Parish Council Community Grant Scheme awards grants to be used in (or by) the community of New Buckenham. The Fund is managed by the Community Project Fund Group which comprises of 3 Parish Councillors and 2 Parishioners. They assess applications and make recommendations to the Parish Council, who are responsible for the final decision on awarding grants.

At our July Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that we would like one more parishioner to join the group. If you would be interested in this role, please contact me to express your interest by the closing date of September 15th 2025.

Further information about the Scheme can be found on the New Buckenham Parish Council website or by contacting me using the details below.

Karen Hobley

karenhobley@hotmail.com / 01953 860529

Good Companions

At the meeting held on 21st August members played bingo.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th September at 2:30pm in the Village Hall.

All new members will be made very welcome. For more information, please contact me on 01953 860467 or Diana Cole on 01953 860636. *Christine Wilby*

News from the Pews

coffeemates!: The August coffeemates! was raising funds for Vision Norfolk, which we thought an appropriate tribute in memory of Rosemary Winser. It was a very busy morning and thank you to everyone who attended and gave so generously. We were delighted that, with Gift Aid added, we were able to send a donation of £276.62! It is a tremendous sum, so thank you all.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 13th September, for our penultimate coffee morning of the season. This month we will be raising funds for St Martin's fabric and utilities. With the increase in utilities, it now costs £50.12 a day to keep the Church going!

Saturday 11th October will be our last coffeemates! this year, before the Church gets too cold. As it is harvest festival we always fundraise for an agricultural charity and have again chosen YANA. We do hope you will come along to support this much needed charity.

Heartfelt Thanks: We are immensely grateful to Carolyn Hupton who has very kindly donated David's piano to the Church. It will be a huge asset to the choir for rehearsals (and indeed, anyone else who wishes to hold a concert in the Church and needs a piano) and they are as delighted as we are. Thank you so much, Carolyn!

We should also like to thank the Parish Council! We recently applied to their Community Fund for a new portable wheelchair ramp, to replace the aging one. We were very pleased to have been awarded funds to buy a new, much more robust and easy to use ramp. It can be used for wheelchairs (including electric ones), walking frames and prams, and came into it's own a few days after we took delivery, when it was used for the August coffeemates!

Peace Vigil: You may remember that in December 2023 we held a contemplative peace vigil, when everyone was invited to come and light a candle as a symbol of peace. It is shocking to think that two years ago we were striving for peace for Israel-Gaza, Ukraine and the 32 other conflicts across the world: yet here we are, two years on, and the wars in Gaza and the Ukraine continue and there are now 37 other conflicts. We therefore thought it an appropriate time to hold another Vigil.

World Peace Day is on 21st September, but we are unable to organise something for that day, so the Vigil will be held the following day, on Monday 22nd September, from 6pm to 8pm. We hope that you will join us.

Bats in our Belfry Update: Last month Janet Trewin wrote about the survey she had carried out this year and we have now updated the folder in the Church with all the details – you can find the blue folder on the table just inside the door, on the right-hand side. It is also interesting that whilst we wondered if people would actually read the information, they clearly are, as the folder seems to move around (unless the bats are reading about themselves and rearranging its position)! Do read it – the results are fascinating.

Contact details: Revd. Sarah Walsh is always happy to visit or chat. You can contact her on 01953 571549 or 07809 430967.

For any other queries do contact me.

Louise Casson (Churchwarden)

01953 860191

St Martin's Services: September 2025

Sun 7th	10am	Benefice Service at St Andrew's, Quidenham		
Sun 14th	4.30pm	Choral Evensong	Holy Cross Day	
Sun 21st	11am	Morning Prayer	Matthew Apostle & Evangelist	
Sun 24th	11am	Holy Communion & Benefice Service at St Martin's, with a visit by the Archdeacon Steven	15th Sunday after Trinity	

For more information about services, contact:

Priest in Charge: Revd Sarah Walsh (01953 571549)

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200 Club Lucky Winners

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£10	Ed Dowling, Peter Hodges, Garry Buckle, Su Taylor, Margery Womack, Oliver Pearson

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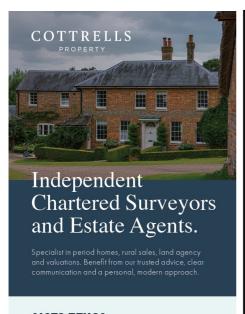
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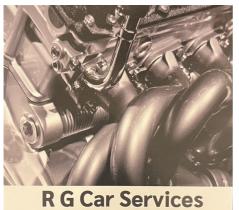
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